

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner allowed claims 8, 20-34, 36-41, 44-50 and 53-55. Claim 46 has been amended to correct the tense of the verb used therein, particularly changing "defining" to "defines". Applicant submits that the allowed claims are in proper format.

The Examiner rejected claims 52 and 56-63 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson (US Patent 5,613,342) in view of Raggio (US Patent 2,297,072) and in further view of Shaw (US Patent 6,553,732). Applicant believes that claim 52 was inadvertently rejected because claim 52 depends from allowed claim 45. Therefore, claim 52 should be allowed and is currently presented as it was in the previous amendment. Claims 56, 57 and 59-61 have been canceled. Claim 58 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 46 and Applicant submits it is therefore allowable. In addition, claims 62 and 63 have each been amended to depend from allowed claim 18 whereby Applicant submits claim 62 and 63 are allowable.


Applicant has further added new dependent claims 64-68 to depend from allowed claims and therefore submits that said claims are allowable. In particular, claim 64 is identical to claim 24 except that it depends from claim 40; claim 65 is the same as claim 63 except that it depends from claim 40; claim 66 is the same as claim 58 except that it depends from claim 45; claim 67 is the same as claim 62 except that it depends from claim 45; and claim 68 is the same as claim 63 except that it depends from claim 45.

In view of the forgoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a Formal Notice of Allowability for the claims.

Please phone the undersigned Attorney if you have any questions remaining after this Amendment.

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